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With regards to the Tunney Act and comments on the proposed Microsoft settlement...

I find the proposed settlement disturbing. It seems clear from the evidence that Microsoft has used and continues to use a number of anti-competitive practices to establish an effective monopoly in the software marketplace, and is planning to use tactics that are questionable at best to exact payments from large and small companies for license fees that may or may not actually be due. That plus the impact on our economy of the various viruses that exploit all-too-common security weaknesses in Microsoft products combine to give me a dim view of our future should Microsoft's stranglehold on the PC software market go unbroken. And if they succeed in conquering the broadband media market they are currently targeting, then God help us all. If they manage to do to the Internet what they've done to Netscape, and HTML, and Javascript, and what they tried to do to Java, then it will truly be a Microsoft world.

I for one know where I *don't* want to go tomorrow.

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